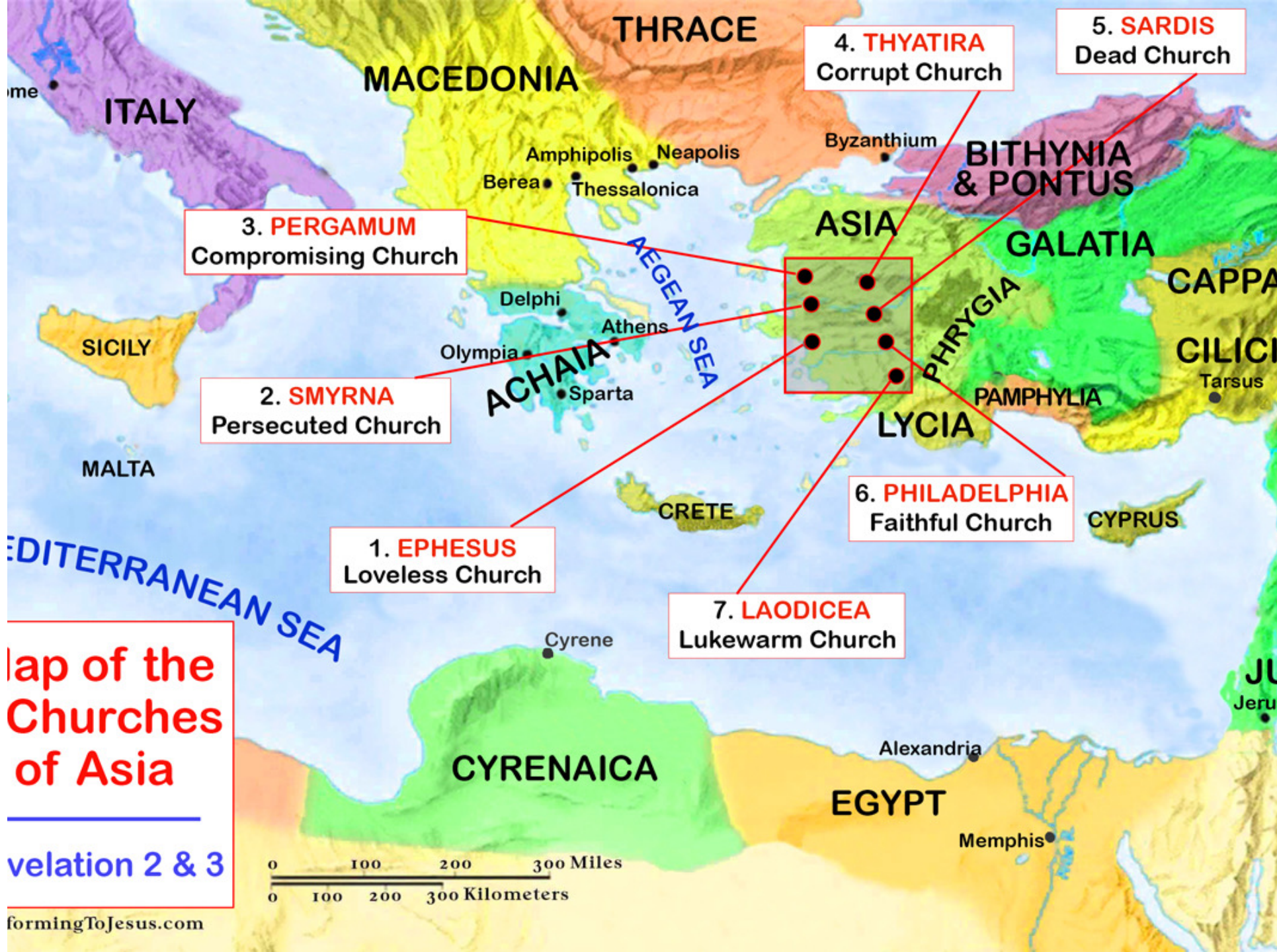


# **THE OVERCOMING LIFE... 7 CHURCHES**

*John 16:33*

***John 16:33*** These things I  
have spoken to you, ***that in Me***  
***you may have peace.*** In the  
world you will have tribulation;  
but be of good cheer,  
***I have overcome the world.”***

***“...TO HIM THAT...  
OVERCOMES...”***



**Map of the Churches of Asia**  
 Revelation 2 & 3

**1. THE CHURCH AT**  
**EPHESUS... *The***  
***Loveless Church***

***Revelation 2:1-7***

# **COMMENDATION:**

**You reject evil... You  
persevere... You have  
patience**

# CRITICISM:

Your love for Christ is  
no longer fervent

# **INSTRUCTION:**

**Do the works you did  
at first.**



**PROMISE:**

**The Tree of Life**

**2. THE CHURCH AT**  
**SMYRNA... *The***  
***Persecuted Church***

***REVELATION 2:8-11***

# **COMMENDATION:**

**You gracefully endure  
suffering**

**CRITICISM:**

**None!**

# **INSTRUCTION:**

**Be faithful until death**

**PROMISE:**

**The Crown of Life**

**3. THE CHURCH AT**  
**PERGAMOS... *The***  
***Compromising Church***

***Revelation 2:12-17***

# **COMMENDATION:**

**Keeps the faith of  
Christ**



# CRITICISM:

Tolerates immorality...  
idolatry... heresies

**INSTRUCTION:**

**Repent**

# PROMISE:

Hidden manna... And a  
stone with a new name

**4. THE CHURCH AT**  
**THYATIRA... *The***  
***Corrupt Church***

***Revelation 2:18-29***

# **COMMENDATION:**

**Your Love... Service...**

**Your patience is greater  
than at the first**

# CRITICISM:

Tolerates cult of  
idolatry &  
immorality...

# **INSTRUCTION:**

**Judgement coming...**

**Keep the faith**

# **PROMISE:**

**You will rule over  
nations and receive the  
morning star**



**5. THE CHURCH AT**  
**SARDIS... *The Dead***  
***Church***

***Revelation 3:1-6***

# **COMMENDATION:**

**Some have kept  
the faith**

**CRITICISM:**

**A dead church**

# **INSTRUCTION:**

**Repent... Strengthen  
what remains**

# **PROMISE:**

**The faithful honored  
and clothed in white**

**6. THE CHURCH AT  
PHILADELPHIA... *The  
Faithful Church***

***Revelation 3:7-13***

# **COMMENDATION:**

**Perseveres in the faith**

**CRITICISM:**

**None**



**INSTRUCTION:**

**Keep the faith**

# **PROMISE:**

**A place in God's  
presence, a new name,  
and the New Jerusalem**

**7. THE CHURCH AT**  
**LAODICEA... *The***  
***Lukewarm Church***

***Revelation 3:14-22***

**COMMENDATION:**

**None!**

**CRITICISM:**

**Indifferent**

# **INSTRUCTION:**

**Be zealous and repent**

**NO CRITICISM: 2**

**CHURCHES**

***Smyrna:***

**Suffering / Poverty**

***Promise:***

**The Crown of Life**

# **NO CRITICISM: 2 CHURCHES**

**Philadelphia: Perseverance**

**Promise: A place in God's  
presence, A new name, &  
the New Jerusalem.**



# CRITICISM: 5 Churches

Ephesus: Love for Christ is no longer fervent

Pergamos / Thyatira: Tolerates Immorality , Idolatry, Heresies

Sardis: A Dead Church

Laodicea: Indifferent

**NO COMMENDATION IN**

**LAODICEA:**

**CRITICISM: *Indifferent***

***[Lukewarm]***

**INSTRUCTION: *Be zealous &***

***repent***

***THE LORD'S TABLE...***

***Worship Team***

***1 Cor. 10:14-15*** Therefore,  
my beloved, flee from  
idolatry. <sup>15</sup> I speak as to wise  
men; *judge for yourselves*  
*what I say.*

***1 Cor. 10:16*** ***The cup*** of  
blessing which we bless, is  
it not the communion of the  
blood of Christ? ***The bread***  
which we break, is it not the  
communion of the body of  
Christ?

**1 Cor. 10:17-18** For we,  
*though many, are one*  
*bread and one body;* for we all  
partake of that one bread.

<sup>18</sup> Observe Israel after the  
flesh: Are not those who eat  
of the sacrifices partakers  
of the altar?

***1 Cor. 10:19*** What am I saying then? That an idol is anything, or what is offered to idols is anything?

***1 Cor. 10:20*** Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice ***they sacrifice to demons and not to God,*** and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.



***1 Cor. 10:21*** You cannot  
drink the cup of the Lord  
and ***the cup of demons;*** you  
cannot partake of the Lord's  
table and of ***the table of***  
***demons.***

***1 Cor. 10:22*** Or do  
we provoke the Lord to  
jealousy? ***Are we***  
***stronger than He?***

***As we come to the  
Lord's Table... Let's  
confess our faults and  
repent of our wrong  
fellowship with the  
world...***

